

June 5, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Management Subcommittee on 2005 Population Options

FROM: George Pettit, Gilbert, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, June 13, 2003 - 10:30 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Management Subcommittee on 2005 Population Options will be held at the time and place noted above. For those who are unable to attend the meeting in person, you may participate via audioconference by calling (602) 261-7510 five minutes before the start of the meeting. Upon prompting please enter the meeting ID (2005) followed by the pound sign. You may also send a person to represent you.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Harry Wolfe at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2003
3. Option for Deriving a 2005 Population Figure for Distributing State-Shared Revenue

At the May 16, 2003 meeting of the Subcommittee on 2005 Population Options the cost of the different alternatives for deriving a 2005 population figure for distributing state-shared revenue was reviewed. A table displaying the estimated revenue impact of using 2005 population to distribute state-shared revenue was also distributed. MAG staff gave a presentation on the method used by DES to develop the annual population estimates and the pros and cons of the different options were

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Review and approve meeting minutes of May 16, 2003.
3. For information, discussion, and possible recommendation.

discussed. At the close of the meeting the consensus expressed was that MAG pursue a Census Survey at a 95 percent confidence interval plus/minus 2 percent (jurisdictions could opt for a higher accuracy level and if they incurred the additional cost); and that the cost be distributed based on population size. No official vote or action, however, was taken.

Subsequent to the meeting, concerns were raised by several committee members about using share of population to distribute the costs. The cost allocation method will be discussed and a possible recommendation made to the Management Committee.

4. Financing the Cost of the Census Survey

At the May 16, 2003 Subcommittee meeting an issue raised was using FHWA matching funds to provide the up-front funding to the Census Bureau to cover initial costs associated with the Census Survey. MAG would need to provide a payment equivalent to about 15 percent of the Census survey cost at the time of signing a contract with the Census Bureau. The contract would need to be signed by March 2004. In Fiscal Year 2005 5 percent of the survey cost would be paid to the Census Bureau and in Fiscal Year 2006 the remaining 80 percent of the cost would be paid. The means for securing a commitment from MAG member agencies to cover their share of the cost of the survey in 2006 will be discussed.

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